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DESCRIPTION OF ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN THE SHIPUNSKIY PENINSULA AREA, KAMCHATKA, USSR, FROM SELECTED MISSIONS DATED

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Photo No. 1

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This mosaic represents the best and most recent satellite photo coverage of the entire Shipunski Peninsula region. The graphic contains a key to additional photo enlargements from [redacted] illustrating all areas of significant activity noted on this coverage.

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Photos No. 2A & 2B

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These two adjoining prints contain the latest available photo intelligence of the inner portion of Bechevinskaya Bay (53 16N-159 47E). Additional activity noted at the possible naval base under construction (not observed on [redacted] includes the following:

(a). A probable wooden pier extension, approximately 110 feet in length, has been built from the end of the pier approach.

(b). A possible shed (approximately 100 x 30 feet) has been constructed on the end of the pier approach.

(c). A protrusion into the bay located approximately 500 feet SW of the main pier - and previously labelled as a "probable pier base under construction" - appears to have been bypassed by a new road/trail along the shore which leads to a new man-made earthen protrusion which extends approximately 120 feet into the bay. This new projection is located approximately 2,200 feet SW of the main pier.

(d). Approximately 5 new buildings, including one measuring approximately 280 x 35 feet have been constructed in the vicinity of the main pier. (See line drawing forwarded with enclosure (2).

(e). At least two unidentified newly constructed traces were observed paralleling the sides of a small river valley for approximately 2,200 yards to the north from the original barracks/support area (labelled Area "A" in photo #10 forwarded via reference (c)). No activity could be discerned along the valley in the [redacted] coverage of this area - which is snow covered.

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(f). The new road observed leading SW from the pier area to the shingle spit in [ ] has been extended for nearly 0.5km to a position just to the SW of the shingle spit. Several traces and many heavy earth scars are now visible in this area which is located approximately 1.5 to 2km SW of the main pier area.

No significant changes appear to have occurred in the vicinity of the barracks/support area (Area "A"). A probable lighter appears anchored just off the small finger pier which services this installation.

Photo No. 3

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This is the best photography to date of the SA-2 SAM site located near the SE approach to Beechvinskaya Bay at 53 12 48N-159 46 30E. A probable pipeline trace is visible leading toward a small rivulet on the eastern side of the plateau on which the site is deployed. [ ] photography reveals that the site was operational in [ ]. A small light aircraft was visible just to the north of the site on that photography.

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Photo No. 4

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An operational SA-2 SAM site is visible on clear photography on an unnamed headland (53 15 30N-160 01 10E) by Ostrov Morzhovy (Bomber Island). This area is incorrectly labelled on USATC O194-18 as "Mys Argali". A check with the Board of Geographic Names and the NIS Gazetteer reveals that this headland is as yet unnamed.

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Photo No. 5

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This is the best [ ] coverage available of the SE extremity of the Shipunski Peninsula (Mys Shipunski - 53 06N-160 02E). Track activity and several unidentified structures are visible on the elevated tableland that forms the Shipunski Peninsula. The small scale of the photography precluded the identification of this installation - other than as a possible meteorological site. The Electronic Order of Battle Communist Forces Far East carries a radar station at this location (Site # IA 006); the Bombing Encyclopaedia carries it as a radio communications site [ ]; and Russian broadcasts have referred to Mys Shipunski as a collective meteorological station.

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Photo No. 6

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Two probable submarines are visible, anchored apparently stern inshore, off "the southernmost rivulet on the eastern shore" of Morzhovaya Bay or

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its base. A re-examination of all previous photography of this bay did not reveal any firm evidence of submarine or naval activity - although three possible vessels were noted at this identical location in [redacted] coverage. [redacted] (Refer to text to photos 3 and 3A of this enclosure.)

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Photos No. 7 & 7A (stereo pair fold-outs)

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This stereo pair of contact prints of Bachevinskaya Bay is forward to illustrate the naval/undersea activity present at this time. Seven vessels - including 4 submarines, one probable submarine, one destroyer, and one small unidentified vessel are located at the entrance to the bay (53 11N-153 34E). Obliquity and image quality precluded the identification of these vessels without the use of a stereoscope. By unfolding these prints a view may be obtained looking toward the ice-bound Petropavlovsk Kamchatskiy Submarine Base at Ush'ya Bay. Of additional possible interest may be the proximity of the active volcano, Sopka Kozelskaya (53 11N-153 5E) located approximately 30km west of the possible naval base under construction at Bachevinskaya Bay.

Photos No. 8 & 8A

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(stereo pair)

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These photographs are forwarded as evidence in an attempt to establish a possible connection between the probable submarine activity noted at the head of Bachevinskaya Bay in [redacted] (see photo no. 6) with any possible previous naval activity noted in this bay. A careful study of several different frames from [redacted]

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[redacted] reveals that two possible vessels, moored alongside one another, were positioned at the head of the bay off "the southernmost rivulet on the eastern shore" of the bay. Whether these objects were possible submarines could not be determined although their length-width ratios appear similar. It should be noted that the reproduction of these faint images on fourth generation prints appears to have significantly reduced their visibility; the images appear a little firmer on the second generation DPs.

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